

IBM Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS delivers the only environment that runs current, genuine IBM z/OS software and middleware on-premises on Linux on Z for z/OS application software development and early test activities

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Overview

IBM^(R) Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS^(R) is an IBM Z^(R) development and test platform that runs on Linux^(R) on Z environments. It enables IBM z/OS operating system, middleware, and other z/OS oriented software to run on Linux on Z environments. This helps ensure additional capacity and better performance for development and early test activities and can be used for:

- Developing and testing of new application functions and application maintenance
- Investigating and verifying new middleware levels (version-to-version upgrades)
- Prototyping new application architectures
- Demonstrating application functions
- Internal employee education

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS 1.0.0 provides web for image management and provisioning, and RESTful API using the Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS enhanced provisioning framework. This enables organizations to build applications that use the latest instruction set platforms with z/OS V2.4 or later, with the necessary APARs and PTFs applied.

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS can only be used for development, early testing, employee education, and demonstration of applications that run on z/OS. It cannot be used for code refactoring or re-engineering with the intention to re-platform existing z/OS based applications. It cannot be used for production workloads of any kind, such as, without limitation, production module builds, preproduction testing, stress testing, or performance testing. The load module or object code compiled on Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS cannot be promoted to production.

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS is offered in a continuous delivery and support model that delivers both fixes and new functional enhancements as a set of modification-level updates. This enables clients to obtain quick and easy access to functional enhancements.

Key requirements

For details, see the [Hardware requirements](#) and the [Software requirements](#) sections.

Planned availability date

June 17, 2022

Availability within a country is subject to local legal requirements.

Description

The Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS offering provides a development and test platform for developers, testers, and operations personnel who are responsible for applications that run on z/OS and z/OS middleware. Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS runs in on-premises Linux on Z environments, which helps to improve overall performance over current mainframe-emulated development and test solutions. Running an IBM Z development environment on Linux on Z helps provide a more portable, flexible, and potentially fit-for-purpose environment for development teams.

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS can be used for:

- Development and test of new application function
- Maintenance changes
- Investigation and verification of new middleware levels (version-to-version upgrades)
- Prototyping new application architectures
- Demonstration of application function
- Internal employee education and training

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS can be used with IBM or third-party Independent Software Vendor (ISV) tools to support development and test activities that include:

- Source code or binary editors
- Integrated development environments (IDE)
- Development-level source code compile and build systems
- Analysis and problem determination tools
- Data import, export, inspection, and alteration utilities
- Middleware or application setup and configuration tools

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS is not licensed for use with production management tools or performance testing tools that include:

- Production-level source code management (SCM) repositories or libraries
- Production-level build-and-deploy systems
- Performance-tuning tools

Any usage of third-party ISV tools must be arranged through the ISV directly, not through IBM. Usage must comply with the license terms as provided by the ISV and IBM at all times. For clarification on licensing or use cases, contact your IBM representative.

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS provides a more modern, agile development platform to help accelerate delivery of new workloads spanning multiple run times. It can be assigned to a single user or can support enterprise team environments on a server platform. These environments can be tailored to a single developer or a team's needs without impacting existing mainframe testing environments.

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS can provide a greater level of control for developers and testers to implement quick environment changes, such as defining new transactions and resource definitions. These changes can be achieved without having to involve production operations staff to set up these configurations on the mainframe.

Developers can have easier access to recent versions of the IBM middleware, without having to wait for system upgrades on the mainframe. Developers can explore new compilers, IBM CICS^(R), IBM IMS, or IBM Db2^(R) features, investigate new architectural models, and perform their first series of tests as well as component regression testing. Developers can build and test IBM Z applications anytime on their personal z/OS environments, without impacting the other development and test teams or production operations of an organization.

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS offers a RESTful API for Linux provisioning using the Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS enhanced provisioning framework. For all the actions that users can do on the web interface, clients now can use the RESTful API to create their own scripts or embed them into their own DevOps pipeline or tools.

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS offers the following purchasing option:

- IBM Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS Resource Value Unit (RVU) is intended for developers, testers, and enterprise teams and is licensed in terms of the highest number of activated virtualized CPs through the Resource Value Unit (RVU) license metric. This metric accommodates the dynamic nature of the software development lifecycle, enabling movement of users and activation of development and test environments as needed to support maintenance, development, and test activities. A web-based interface for z/OS images creation, orchestration, and provisioning is included in this option.

Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS is activated through software-based licensing to better meet the needs of enterprise users who might have data center requirements and plans for cloud deployment that are hindered by hardware-based licensing.

Accessibility by people with disabilities

Accessibility Compliance Reports (previously known as a VPAT) containing details on accessibility compliance to standards, including the Worldwide Consortium Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, European Standard EN 301 349, and US Section 508, can be found on the [IBM Accessibility Conformance Reports](#) website.

Program number

Program number	VRM	Program name
5900-AO8	1.0.0	IBM Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS

Offering Information

Product information is available on the [IBM Offering Information](#) website.

More information is also available on the [Passport Advantage^{\(R\)}](#) and [Passport Advantage Express](#) website.

Publications

None.

Services

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Technical information

Specified operating environment

Hardware requirements

Hardware	Components	Requirement
Disk Space	Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS instance(s)	Sufficient space to hold numerous and potentially large files of a z/OS image
	Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS web and Software-based license server	14 GB of disk space
	Image storage server	Sufficient space to hold numerous and potentially large files for extracted IBM Z volumes
Memory	Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS instance(s)	2 GB to 4 GB of RAM required per virtual Central Processor (CP) for each z/OS instance; 1 GB per processor core allocated to Linux
	Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS web and Software-based license server	4 GB of RAM
	Image storage server	2 GB of RAM
Processor	Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS instance(s)	1 Linux core is required for each virtual Central Processor (CP) for each z/OS instance; 1 Linux core allocated to Linux OS

Software requirements

Operating systems

- Ubuntu Server 22.04 LTS for IBM Z and LinuxONE; IBM z/Architecture^(R)
- Ubuntu 16.04 LTS, 18.04 LTS, and 20.04 LTS; x86-64 hardware
- Red Hat^(R) Enterprise Linux (RHEL) Server 7 and 8; x86-64 hardware

Web Browsers

- Mozilla Firefox
- Google Chrome (latest releases and fix packs)

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Planning information

Packaging

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Ordering information

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Part number description	Part number
Resource Value Unit License + SW Subscription & Support	

Consult your IBM representative if you have any questions.

Charge metric

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Program number	License Information document title	License Information document number
5900-AO8	IBM Virtual Dev and Test for z/OS	L-BCOE-CDNTNW

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No

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